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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informality:

Page 3, line 23, It is suggested that "eleventh" should be "second". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al. ("Young"), USPN 6,669,564, in view of Pytlovany, USPN 6,690,992.

5. Regarding claim 1, Young discloses a network game system for operating on a network a game made up of basic content containing a basic program for executing start of a game solely and one or more types of relevant content each containing a relevant program corresponding to the basic program for further advancing the game started by the basic program, the system comprising: a content management section adapted to set an address of which users are not notified in one or more content providing servers each in which the relevant program is placed [ie. CD-ROM carrying

initial game episode and the user must download further game episodes, Young, col. 6, line 52 – col. 7, line 35 and col. 10, line 44 – col. 11, line 10],

wherein the content providing server sends the relevant content placed in the content providing server to the user terminal in response to a download request made by the accessing user [Young, col. 11, lines 11-63].

Young does not disclose an address for which a search is made by search means on the network from a user terminal. However, Pytlovany, in the same gaming field of endeavor, does disclose an address for which a search is made by search means on the network from a user terminal [Pytlovany, col. 2, lines 1-24 and col. 4, lines 10-50]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate a search engine, taught by Pytlovany, into the gaming system, taught by Young, in order to quickly find additional gaming data.

6. Regarding claim 2, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the relevant content has a check program for previously checking link possibility with the basic content or any other type of relevant content [Young, col. 3, lines 15-47].

7. Regarding claim 3, Young-Pytlovany further discloses upon reception of the download request made by the accessing user, the content providing server checks a holding state of relevant content in the user terminal and checks link possibility between the relevant content held in the user terminal and the relevant content requested to be downloaded [Young, col. 3, lines 15-47 and col. 9, lines 51-67].

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8. Regarding claim 4, Young-Pytlovany further discloses each of the content providing servers has one or more content providing home pages capable of providing one or more types of relevant content for the accessing user and the content management section sets the address of which the users are not notified in the one or more content providing home pages [Young, col. 3, lines 15-47] [Pytlovany, col. 2, lines 1-24].

9. Regarding claim 5, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the content management section changes the address of the content providing home page with a lapse of time [Young, col. 3, lines 15-47 and col. 13, lines 43-67].

10. Regarding claim 6, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the content providing server determines unauthorized access to the content providing home page and if unauthorized access is made, changes the address of the content providing home page [Young, col. 10, lines 1-43].

11. Regarding claim 7, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the content providing server limits the number of users for which the relevant content is to be provided from the content providing home page [Young, col. 9, lines 21-67].

12. Regarding claim 8, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the content management means comprises user information registration means for registering user information

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and enables the relevant content to be provided only for the registered users [Young, col. 10, lines 1-43].

13. Regarding claim 9, Young-Pytlovany further discloses to provide the relevant content for the user terminal, the content providing server performs mutual authentication processing with the user based on the user information and provides the relevant content for the user terminal after authenticating identification of the user [Young, col. 10, lines 1-43].

14. Regarding claim 10, Young-Pytlovany further discloses the content management means has a management server for managing the download enable state of the relevant content from the content providing home page and when terminating downloading the relevant content from the content providing home page belonging to the content providing server, the content providing server notifies the management server of the fact [Young, col. 3, lines 15-47 and col. 9, lines 51-67].

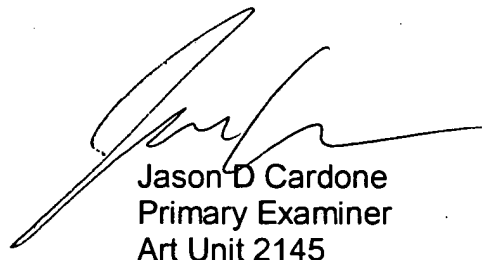
15. Regarding claims 11-17, claims 11-17 have similar limitations as claims 1-10. Therefore, they are rejected under Young-Pytlovany for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-10 [Supra 1-10].

Conclusion

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason D. Cardone whose telephone number is (571) 272-3933. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu. (6AM-3PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (571) 272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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